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Mayor's State of the County Address well received

By **ROD ANTONE**, Communications Director

Mayor Alan Arakawa's call to "be bold" generated a wave of positive reactions from politicians and the media shortly after he gave the State of the County address on Feb. 24, 2012.

Four days after the address Maui News Publisher **Joe Bradley** described the speech as an "encouraging upbeat report" and a "refreshing change from what we see at the federal level."

"Imagine, legislators and administrators working together to further the public good," Bradley said.

In his weekly column Maui Time editor **Anthony Pignataro** described the following portion of the Mayor Arakawa's speech as "exceptional."

But in order to succeed we must do one more thing:

We must be bold.
Because only by being bold can you take advantage of hope.
And only by being bold can you affect change.

"He is basically saying in very clear language that we need to take risks," explained Pignataro. "Normally when I read speeches from political officials it's a lot of double-talk.



Arakawa's speech was much clearer, more to the point than what I usually see."

Council Chair Danny Mateo told *The Maui News* that Mayor Arakawa's idea of a central baseyard to share County resources "made a lot of sense."

He also said the speech was a good indication that the Arakawa administration and the council were "on the same page."

To illustrate his point, just a week after the address, **Councilmember Mike Victorino** was already heard quoting the mayor's call to action in Council Chambers.

At the time, Victorino was asking his fellow Councilmembers to "be bold" and approve the purchase of 64 acres known as the Paukukalo Coastal Wetlands in order for it to be preserved.



Councilmembers Don Couch, G. Riki Hokama, Mike Victorino, Mike White, and Joe Pontanilla review the County of Maui's 2011 Annual Report prepared by the Mayor's Office. The Annual Report is available online at www.mauicounty.gov/mayor.

"I'm excited in what I've heard," said Victorino to *Maui Now* after the mayor's speech. "I support the mayor and the administration and we in the council (will) work hard to make sure these things come to fruition."

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Councilmember G. Riki Hokama said he liked how Mayor Arakawa was focusing on making the County more efficient.

"I'm very encouraged by his approach to county projects, county operations," said Hokama to *Maui Now*. "I'm wishing him a lot of success because if we are able to do this together then of course the County of Maui becomes a much better place for all our people on all of the islands."

Mayor Arakawa not only reached out to Maui County Council members but also state legislators who were present at the speech.

To them the mayor asked that the state please pass an infrastructure tax credit for the film industry as an incentive for film studios and soundstages to be built here.

"I agree with the mayor that unless you have the infrastructure tax credit you're not going to develop a film



Attendees at Mayor Arakawa's State of the County Address included **Senate President Shan Tsutsui, Rep. & Mrs. George Fontaine**, and **Governor Abercrombie's Maui Liaison Deidre Tegarden**.

industry here," said **Rep. Gil Keith-Agaran** to *Maui Now*. "I like the way that the mayor is reaching out to everyone that can contribute, because I think he's looking at this as we're working together as a community."

The State of the County address

Presented by Mayor Alan Arakawa
Friday, February 24, 2012
Maui County Council Chamber

Good morning and aloha to all of you.

At this time I'd like to recognize **Council Chairman Danny Mateo, State Senate President Shan Tsutsui**, as well as all of our honorable council members, friends from the state legislature, county directors and deputies and other distinguished guests.

You know, when this county building, the Kalana O Maui, was built in 1972 it was considered a monstrosity.

People asked, why would anyone want to build a nine story building in the middle of sleepy Wailuku town?

It seemed like a ridiculous idea at the time and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

And yet, four decades later, here we are.

Every floor is in use, every office space filled.

The point is, the people who built this building were thinking of their future, and ours.

They knew what needed to be done, and they weren't afraid to do it.

People like **Mayor Elmer Cravalho, Council Chairman Goro Hokama, Councilmembers Richard Cladito, Joseph Bulgo, E. Loy Cluney, Harry Kobayashi, Marco Meyer, Lanny Morisaki, Bernard Tokunaga** and **Yoneto Yamaguchi**.

We need to think like they did, otherwise we are wasting the resources of our taxpayers.

And these days – as our property values continue to decrease and our unemployment numbers remain stagnant – we can't afford to waste anything.

That's why for the past year we've been working toward making Maui County more efficient.

We started by installing PV solar panels on what will be two dozen county buildings.

Once the County Solar Rooftop project is complete, it is projected to save us up to half a million

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dollars a year in energy costs.

We are trying to consolidate our resources, by acquiring more than 100 acres to create a new Central Maui County Baseyard.

This baseyard will enable the county to safely store a majority of our vehicles in the same area and save money by sharing garage space, tools and maintenance staff.

It will also enable us to move at least one baseyard out of a *tsunami* zone and allow departments to share other resources.

We also need to get away from the silo mentality.

We also need to rent less . . . and own more of our office space.

Currently the county spends about three million dollars a year in renting office properties for various departments scattered throughout our community.

We need to consolidate our personnel and create an asset instead of a continued liability.

We hope that the County Council shares our vision of a more efficient county, because we will need their cooperation to make it all possible.

Already we have done much for this community by working together.

You have helped us push forward important projects such as the Kaunakakai Fire Station, the Lana'i Senior Center and the Kihei Police Station.

More importantly you have given preliminary approval for the funds needed to replace the Waikamoi Flume.

For years we have been losing thousands of gallons a week because the flume is old and leaks.

This is Upcountry's most reliable and least expensive water source and we need to conserve every drop of it.

Please continue to support this project as well as others for our Department of Water Supply.

We will also need the council's help in making this county more business friendly when it comes to building permit applications.

The Department of Public Works has introduced

some key amendments that would require departments to review and return or approve building permits within 30 days.

We met with more than a hundred consultants, engineers and architects in our permitting workshop last year, which was coordinated by our Department of Management, and we know these changes will make a difference.

We want to help business, not hinder it. The county should not be an obstacle when it comes to putting people back to work.

But we can't do it alone. Besides the council's help we will need our state delegation assisting us as well.

Senator Tsutsui, you have been a partner, an ally and friend to Maui County. And we must ask for your help once again this year as we try to create a new industry.

There are several bills currently in the state legislature that call for an increase in the state's film production tax credits.

However without the addition of infrastructure credits, companies will not have the necessary incentives to build a studio or sound stage here.

The state's own numbers tell the tale.

Oahu, where the state built the Diamond Head Film Studio in the 90s, generated more than 100 million dollars in film production spending last year.

In comparison Maui and the other counties combined generated five million dollars in film production spending.

Without the required facilities Maui, and the rest of the neighbor islands, are mostly used for shooting commercials.

Production companies that are actively producing a television series, like Hawaii 5-0, will never seriously consider Maui as a viable location until such facilities exist.

We need these facilities.

Please President Tsutsui, we need your continued help to pass a bill that addresses infrastructure tax credits as well as production credits for the sake of this new potential industry in our community.

Finally, I must address our congressional delega-

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tion and anyone else wishing to running for office in Washington, DC.

While you're in town if you have a chance, catch a ride on one of our Maui Buses and check out the lines to get on board.

The Maui Bus is one of the fastest growing public transit systems in the nation right now.

Our residents trying to get to work have to compete for seats with visitors going sightseeing.

We have more passengers than we can handle, and we could use more federal money for buses and bus shelters.

We have been doing our best to prepare Maui County for the future but again, we cannot do it alone.

Help us help ourselves.

You'll find that we are very good partners. This administration has a good track record of doing what we said we would do.

We said we would open up the Paia mini-bypass 24-7 and we did.

We said we would get rid of Furlough Fridays and we did.

We said we would push renewable energy projects and we did. We approved more electrical permits for solar projects last year than any other time in the last 10 years.

We said we would start the county's first curbside recycling pilot project and we submitted the funds for it last year.

You will see those funds again in this year's budget.

We said we would improve our infrastructure and we are doing that constantly.

So far we've fixed bridges and upgraded sewer lines and improved pump stations.

When it comes to roads we almost doubled the amount that we repaved last year when compared to the year before.

We said we would work more closely with our Maui County Council members and we have.

They're in my office, I'm in their offices and we talk to each other.

We may not always agree but we talk. And more importantly we LISTEN to each other.

I hope we continue to listen to each other for years to come.

We said we would help promote tourism and we are.

We went to APEC to meet with delegates from South Korea, Japan, China and other countries to find out how to entice their people to visit our islands.

What we learned there we are putting into action.

For example we want to develop a historical tour for Chinese visitors, one that explains the life of **Sun Yat Sen** on Maui, the man who become the Father of Modern China.

We're also helping to put the events together that are bringing back visitors to Maui County year round.

Already we've brought Halloween back to Front Street and championship windsurfing back to Hookipa.

Now we're looking at bringing championship kite surfing here as well, along with more University of Hawaii sporting events.

Want to meet **Norm Chow**? He'll be here in April for the UH Green and White scrimmage.

We expanded the First Friday Wailuku parties to include Lahaina, Makawao and Paia, and might be looking at Molokai and Lanai next.

We're looking at much more, we are looking at everything.

We're supporting our visitor industry by also preserving Maui County's natural beauty and cultural resources.

That's why we're using a million dollars of Open Space funds to preserve 64 acres of oceanfront property known as the Paukukalo Coastal Wetlands. We thank you council members for recommending this purchase.

This area once saw native Hawaiian fishponds, shrines, burial grounds and agricultural terraces, all right there between the mouths of Waiehu and

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lao streams.

Besides being culturally significant the area is environmentally important as it provides a natural filter for runoff before it reaches the ocean.

We have lost too many of these lands already, and we must protect those we have left.

Speaking of land, we have to do something about our county parks.

Our parks are so popular they are being used every day by teams playing sports, families having parties, friends going diving and fishing and everything else under the sun.

That's a good thing, in fact it's great thing.

But these parks are so well utilized that our parks department is having a hard time maintaining them.

Some of them are in terrible shape.

For example, did you know that down at Keopoli Park we have 500 broken sprinkler heads?

We can't fix that problem overnight and we can't do it while kids play on the field all day.

Our staff is working on the problem but they need time.

More importantly we need uninterrupted access to our fields.

We need to plug, top dress, aerate and fertilize each field, then let the grounds recover before anyone can practice and play again.

So we need the community's help, the help of soccer organizations, baseball teams and anyone else that uses our parks.

Please kokua when it comes to your team's schedule and know that we may have to reschedule your sporting event just so we can take care of our fields.

This lack of park space will continue to be a problem until we can get our Central Maui Regional Park system up and running.

To all of the families, coaches and youth sports organizations, please come down and testify before your council as to why we need 242 acres of parkland in Waikapu.

Once again we thank Senate President Tsutsui, who is working to acquire another 70 plus acres for a regional park in the same area.

That's more than 300 acres of Central Maui parks for families that we hope to start building by 2013.

As we said before, we must plan for the future by working together.

But in order to succeed we must do one more thing:

We must be bold.

Because only by being bold can you take advantage of hope.

And only by being bold can you affect change.

Otherwise, the words hope and change are just that. Words.

Be bold, and let us work towards the goal of having our islands run on 100% renewable energy.

Be bold, and let's stop renting and paying someone else's mortgage and build our own facilities.

Be bold, and let's build an economic engine by having a true film industry in Maui County.

Be bold. Work together. Plan for the future. We can do this.

This is the Year of the Dragon, the year that the ancient Mayans predicted would bring about a new age.

Maui County is in better shape today than it was last year and the work must continue.

Let's be bold together and build for the future. Forty years ago our predecessors built this building.

Forty years from now what will future generations say about Arakawa, Mateo, Hokama, Pontanilla, Baisa, Carroll, Couch, Cochran, Victorino and White? Hopefully they say, "They understood what needed to be done. And they weren't afraid to do it."

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

And thank you for helping to make Maui County one of the best communities in the world.

Aloha and God bless.

M.D. Minute

By KEITH REGAN, Managing Director

We recently had an opportunity to hear from **Mayor Alan Arakawa** on the state of our county. He touched on many important actions we have taken as an administration to help improve our community. There is no doubt that we are faring better than we have been since the downturn in our national and local economies.



Tourism continues to rebound and construction projects are breaking ground almost every week. Unemployment numbers continue to improve and people are getting back to work.

Having many opportunities to interact with people in the community, the overriding consensus is that times are getting better but people are still concerned, and rightfully so. It's almost as if the economic crises that hit each and every one of us in some way, shape or form continues to plague our subconscious and keep us somewhat wary and fearful.

I personally do not believe we will ever rid ourselves of those feelings. I also do not believe that being a little wary and fearful is necessarily a bad thing. I do believe it will keep us vigilant as community members and more so as government employees to ensure we do everything within our power to help. The impact we have on our own local economy, as government employees, is tremendous in so many ways.

For starters, with more than 2,500 employees, the County of Maui is one of the largest employers in the county. Each and every one of us spends money in our local economy. We buy food, products, and services which in turn helps to create and maintain employment. There is no doubt that, if the County were to "go out of business" tomorrow, that our local economy would suffer tremendously. Of course we would have more than our economy to worry about if that ever happened.

In addition, we provide services to the public that allow them to move forward with opening new businesses, improving their homes and constructing everything from stores to hotels to new homes. This is another key component that directly impacts our local economy.

I must congratulate those within our County government who have stepped up to help move projects through and get people back to work. I also want to thank those who have spent the time to help improve internal processes and make government work better. It's thanks to you that we getting people back to work!

Thank you!

From County employee to accomplished artist



County employees who have reviewed engineering documents of the past most likely came across the name, "**Fred Araki**." A former Chief Engineer in the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, Fred retired in 1992 after being employed by the County of Maui for 31 years.

Since his retirement, Fred enrolled in art classes and eventually became a much accomplished acrylic artist specializing in painting structures, flowers, and animals.

His most recent painting was that of the Kalana Pakui building, the present home of the Planning Department and Department of Public Works' Development Services Administration.

"When I first started working for the County, that building was the sole County building. Everyone from **Board of Supervisors' Chairman Eddie Tam** to department personnel like me worked in that building," recalls Fred.

Years later, that building was named "Kalana Pakui" after a memo was issued to county employees soliciting possible names. The winning selection, i.e., "Kalana Pakui," was submitted by Fred himself.

Upon completing the painting and having it framed last month, Fred presented the painting to **Mayor Alan Arakawa**. The painting is presently hung adjacent to Fred's other painting (a painting of Kalana O Maui building) and is proudly displayed between the mayor's office and that of the Managing Director, **Keith Regan**, who happens to be Fred's son-in-law.

Kaunoa continues to hold exciting events

By RUTH GRIFFITH, Dept. of Housing & Human Concerns

Valentine's Day the Kaunoa Way! You had to be 55 or better to secure a table reservation at Kaunoa's Romance on the High Seas Valentine's dinner. The evening included an elegant meal featuring shrimp cocktail with homemade cocktail sauce served in a champagne glass, Salmon Wellington with mushroom and herbs, roasted asparagus and cherry tomatoes, and Barbara's special Bananas Foster. Guests were seated at private tables, adorned with flowers and candles, and served by Kaunoa's volunteer bussers and waiters. There's always something new to learn and experience at Kaunoa, and these lucky dinner guests were treated to a cooking demonstration by **Barbara Mooradian** and **Cris South** as part of the celebration.

Maui's historical place in Chinese history was the focus of an educational series about the Chinese in Hawaii and **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen**, Father of the Chinese Revolution. Participants learned about the history of Maui's Chinese immigrants, including how they arrived, where they settled, their cultural practices, the significance of Chinese organizations (**Tong and Hui Kwan**), and the island visits of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen. The series also included a presentation at the Kwok Hing Society's temple in Keokea, Kula. The featured speaker was **Busaba Yip Douglas**, Ph.D, Cultural/Educational Facilitator



Barbara Mooradian (left) and **Cris South** arrange shrimp cocktail with homemade cocktail sauce in a champagne glass for Kaunoa's Valentine's Day event.



Haruyo Yoshioka and **Kolea Schonwalter** relax after a lecture and luncheon at the Kwok Hing Society's temple in Keokea, Kula.

tor of the Wo Hing Society. Can't make it to Kaunoa during the day? Kaunoa has evening programs for everyone 55 and better who prefer an active nightlife. Kaunoa After Dark presents an Evening with **Ola Hou** on Friday, April 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at its Spreckelsville center. Relax and enjoy the classic slack key stylings of Ola Hou Masters of Hawaiian music **Sheldon & Kevin Brown, Gerry Valdriz** and **Kevin Kanemoto** as they take the Kaunoa stage for a great evening of nostalgic Hawaiian music, local style kanikapila and kaukau. Call the Kaunoa offices at Spreckelsville (270-7308) or West Maui (661-9432) for cost of dinner and show, or show only. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Sign up for reserva-



Kevin Brown (left) and **Kevin Kanemoto** will perform in concert with **Ola Hou** at Kaunoa's Spreckelsville Center on April 13.

tions begins on March 13.

Kaunoa's classes and activities are open to everyone 55 and better. For a full listing of events and activities, call the Kaunoa offices at 270-7308 or 661-9432 to receive the monthly newsletter. Kaunoa's classes and activities are open to everyone 55 and better. For a full listing of events and activities, call the Kaunoa offices at 270-7308 or 661-9432 to receive the monthly newsletter.

Building and re-building friendships in the Philippines - February 3-11, 2012

By KIT ZULUETA, Asst. Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

As we pushed back from the tarmac, the 'Aloha!' turned into 'Mabuhay!'

The Maui delegation to the Philippines, led by **County Council Chairperson Danny Mateo**, was joined by **Managing Director Keith Regan** representing **Mayor Alan Arakawa**, **Council Members Don Couch, Elle Cochran, Gladys Baisa** and **Assistant Chief of Staff Kit Zulueta**. Council Member Baisa's family also joined the trip, her husband **Sherman Baisa**, their son **Sherman Anthony Baisa** and his wife, **Candace Sakugawa Baisa**. Lastly, **Sharon Zalsos**, president of Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce, also joined the delegation.



The Maui delegates with Badoc Mayor, Vice Mayor and staff.

because they were all very beautiful.



Managing Director Keith Regan and **Council Chair Danny Mateo** sign the Memorandum of Understanding documents.

a visit to a Filipino store to purchase necessary formal attire for the delegation to make sure that we are dressed accordingly in our appointments. The variety of *Barong Tagalogs* and *Filipiniana* dresses (*ternos*) gave us a difficult time to make decisions

The trip started with a tour in one of Manila's finest museums- the Ayala Museum. The delegation learned about precious gold, traditional fabrics, artifacts and most importantly, they viewed the 60 diorama display depicting the history of the Philippines. It was relevant to learn about the colonization of the Spaniards for 300 years, the

We began our journey to the Pearl of the Orient with

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revolutions and early relationships with U.S.A., Japan, China and various countries. The stories allowed us to appreciate the culture and be able to understand what Philippines is today. We thank our friends from Ayala Land for giving us that opportunity.

For lunch, we had a sample of viands from various parts of the Philippines in our meeting with **Mary Grace Tirona**, Executive Director and Undersecretary for the Commission on Filipinos Overseas. Special thanks to Asian Institute of Management for the prepared meal. We had most of our curiosity satisfied as Ms. Tirona enlightened us about the Filipino diaspora (Filipino migration), current politics in the Philippines and the current relationship there is with Philippines and Maui. She also elaborated on Department of Tourism's new catch phrase 'It's More Fun in the Philippines!'

Since we are staying at a hotel in the Philippines' financial district where construction is obviously at a booming rate, illustrated by tower cranes left and right, we paid a courtesy visit to Makati **Mayor Jejo-**



Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista presents the delegation with the Quezon City book

a very young Mayor," **Councilmember Gladys Baisa** points out. "But his experience and knowledge about government and operations is very impressive."

From Makati, the delegation traveled to Quezon City, Maui County's sister city since 1970, to meet with **Mayor Herbert Bautista, Vice Mayor Josephine**

Belmonte and Quezon City's Council Members.

"I was impressed that such a high percentage of elected officials were women and how young some of the top leaders are." **Councilmember Elle Cochran** took notes as we were provided with a chance to compare the structures and roles of our governments. "It was

quite refreshing to see young energetic, innovative and forward thinking individuals of today's generation to be in these important leadership positions."



The Maui delegation meets with various officials in Quezon City.

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In a special Council session where the delegation was recognized, we met Honorable **John Ansell De Guzman**, a young college student with dental braces who notably smiled back as we shook hands with him. Mr. de Guzman, in his early twenties, is a voting Councilmember, the President of Sangguniang Kabataan (League of Youth), elected by the younger generation community of Quezon City. "I feel this is a great way to encourage the involvement of the younger generations with the government process, and that this is something we should consider to incorporate in our County government," added Council Member Cochran.

Councilor Allan Reyes, voted The Most Promising Councilor by the local media, showed us one of his many projects – a chair with a desk, commonly used in schools in the Philippines. When he asked us what it is made up of, judging from the very sturdy wood-like structure, we started guessing on various types of wood. Mango? Acacia? Coconut? Councilor Allan smiled and said, "It's made of plastic. Recycled plastic."

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From the hustle and bustle of Manila, we traveled up north to begin our mission in the Ilocos Region of the



Councilmember Gladys Baisa and husband **Sherman Baisa** receive a warm welcome in Badoc Ilocos Norte.

among others. From urban, we went rural. It was town after town of views from the countryside. Finally we reached our overnight destination – a UNESCO World Heritage Site - Vigan City. It was in Vigan where our delegates experienced riding a kalesa, a carriage pulled by a horse, and see the preserved pre-colonial ancestral houses and cobble stone streets.



Council Chair Danny Mateo delivers a message during the signing ceremony in Badoc.

us, complete with a marching band, cloth leis and all warm greetings from all their officials. "For obvious reasons, Badoc is truly a sister-city, having seen the 'aloha' not just in the very warm welcome they prepared for us, but it is evident in all of their people." **Managing Director Keith Regan** tells the local media about his experience. "Having seen and experienced

Philippines. The Maui delegation enjoyed a visual feast during the road trip, taking photos of construction workers, houses and farmlands – rice, corn, sugar cane, mango orchards

and tobacco,

Finally, we are off to Badoc, Ilocos Norte, where we are expected by **Mayor Arlene Torralba** to formalize and sign the Sister City Agreement Memorandum. When we arrived their municipal hall, what seemed to

be the whole town welcomed

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visitors to your beautiful municipality." **Councilmember Don Couch** was surprised to learn that the number of visitors traveling in the region was quite small amidst the number of significant and historical attractions in the region. "We can work together; perhaps there are practices that we can share with each other, to get that number up."

That evening, the delegation traveled further up north to pay a courtesy visit to **Mayor Alfredo Valdez** of already Sister-City San Nicolas, where again, a delightful welcome and program was prepared for us. It was a night that showcased talent, Mayor Valdez, a talented singer himself offered

to sing a song for us. Local dance troupes in elaborate and colorful costumes paraded for us – just like Barrio Fiesta held every memorial weekend back in Maui.

The following day, the delegation visited Port Salomague, in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur. **Mayor Ediboy Cobangbang** joined us as **Council Chair Danny Mateo** led the offering of a bouquet of flowers at the foot of



Makati Mayor Binay elaborates on the challenges that he faces from his office the 22nd floor with a great view of his city.

and the father of Chair Danny Mateo. "It was because of their sacrifices that brought us to where we are now in Maui." Chair Mateo looked up one more time at the sakada statue. "Many families in Maui, including myself, have never set foot on the soil that our ancestors have treaded, and this experience has made me whole as a person."



Managing Director Keith Regan addresses the San Nicolas Council Chambers presided by Vice

City. There are a lot of Filipinos in Maui County that frequent Baguio City as the Summer Capital of the Philippines. Official dialogue has been exchanged with the possibility of becoming Sister Cities as well in the future. Baguio and Maui share the same challenges especially with environment and cultural preservation.

the Sakada monument. The port was significant as it marked the exact place where the first eleven Filipino sakadas (plantation workers) left for Hawaii in 1906. Several batches of sakadas departed after that, which included the parents of Councilmember Gladys' husband, Sherman

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The last leg of our trip was a dinner with **Mayor Mauricio Domogan** and city officials of Baguio City. There are a

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It was a very productive week in the Philippines. The delegation also visited the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial with a total of 17, 206 graves, and the largest cemetery in the Pacific for U.S. personnel killed during World War II. In the cemetery, there was also 24 pairs of fin walls with name inscriptions and particulars of 36, 285 missing US soldiers. A tour to a local television station, ABSCBN Network was also conducted where the delegates had a sneak-peek of a live variety show dubbed ASAP and got to visit the station's different studios and facilities.



"I am coming back, for sure," **Sherman Anthony Baisa** announced to the group during our last meal in the Philippines before heading to the airport.

Port Salomague in Cabugao Ilocos Sur with **Mayor Ediboy Cobangbang** and his staff.

"The communities that we visited in the Philippines and the County of Maui are very similar," said Chair Mateo as he offered a toast as the delegation prepared to board the plane back to Hawai'i. "Even though we are oceans and miles apart, we share similar values. We have respect for culture and traditions and we have respect for our people. This trip was an eye-opener for me, and many of us, and we will definitely bring back positive experiences that will make us effective public servants for Maui nui."



Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce President **Sharon Zalsos** poses with the Barangay Captains of Badoc Ilocos Norte.



The Maui delegation visits the U.S. Cemetery and Memorial.

Important FEMA information to be shared at public meeting

Important information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) new digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMs) which integrate the statewide hurricane study will be discussed. With the adoption of the new DFIRMs for the islands of Maui and Lanai scheduled on September 19, 2012, a property's flood risk may change and consequently so will the requirement for federally mandated flood insurance as well as construction standards. Flood insurance protects property owners from the financial devastation caused by floods which includes losses to buildings and their contents. The coverage applies whether the flooding results from heavy or prolonged rains, coastal storm surge, tsunamis, blocked storm drainage systems, levee dam failure, or other causes. Different types of policies are available depending on your flood risk.

If you live in a high-risk area, flood zones A and V, you will need a Standard Policy. Most mortgage lenders will require that you have such a policy before they will approve your loan.

For those outside of the high-risk area, zones X or XS, flood insurance is also available, usually at a lower cost. A Preferred Risk Policy can cover both a home and its contents. While you are not federally mandated to have flood insurance in a low-to-moderate risk area, it does not mean that you will never need it. Large floods often extend beyond the boundaries of high-risk areas and smaller floods occur outside high-risk areas as well. In fact, a quarter of all flood insurance claims come from properties located in low-to-moderate risk areas.

Properties currently within the low-to-moderate flood risk areas may be able to be grandfathered into a lower insurance premium if flood insurance is obtained prior to a property's re-classification into a higher flood risk. You may log on to www.floodsmart.gov to view flood insurance premiums.

Please contact your local insurance agent for specific information.

To assist residents and business owners in understanding the map change process and to inform them of their options, there will be a public meeting held on

Monday, March 12, 2012

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Presentation 5:30 p.m.

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Personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Maui County and the State Department of Land and Natural Resources will provide a short presentation on the new flood maps and insurance ramifications and will be available to answer questions. Residents can view the preliminary map revisions, understand how their properties may be affected and learn about financial steps that they may take to protect their investment. Property owners are urged to attend these meetings to get the latest information on how the flood map changes, scheduled to take effect on September 19, 2012, will affect them.

The public may view the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DIRMs) by visiting the Hawai'i Flood Hazard Assessment Tool website, www.gis.hawaiiinfip.org/fhat/

Additional meetings are anticipated to be scheduled in the next few months. For more information, please contact **Francis Cerizo** or **Carolyn Cortez** at francis.cerizo@mauicounty.gov or carolyn.cortez@mauicounty.gov or by phone at 270-7253.

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Director Silva's career an impressive one

By GEORGETTE TYAU, Dept. of Liquor Control

Department of Liquor Control Director **Franklyn Silva** was born on Maui and stayed until joining the United States Army at the age of seventeen. By the age of nineteen, Director Silva was promoted to Sergeant. Among his many assignments were the European Theater (Berlin Crisis) and Republic of Vietnam.

His military career afforded him many experiences. Some of the highlights included being an Instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School, becoming a helicopter pilot in command of a Gunship Company, conducting covert investigations, and being Acting Inspector General at Fort Rucker.

Upon returning to Hawai'i, Director Silva became the Military Liaison to the civilian community. His career was decorated, and he finally retired as a Captain, in 1979, after 20 years of service to our country.

Director Silva joined the Department of Liquor Control in 1982 as a Liquor Control Officer. On July 1, 1993, he was appointed as the Department's third Director and fourth Administrator since the adoption of the 21st Amendment (establishment of the regulated liquor industry) to the Constitution in 1933.



He has been the Director for the past 19 years. When asked what he enjoyed most about his job, the Director replied he enjoyed working with his staff the most and has never been around a more professional bunch of people.

Director Silva's favorite thing to do is spending time with his family. He and his wife, **Valerie**, have been married for 48 years. They reside in Makawao and have three sons, four grandsons, and most recently, a great-granddaughter.

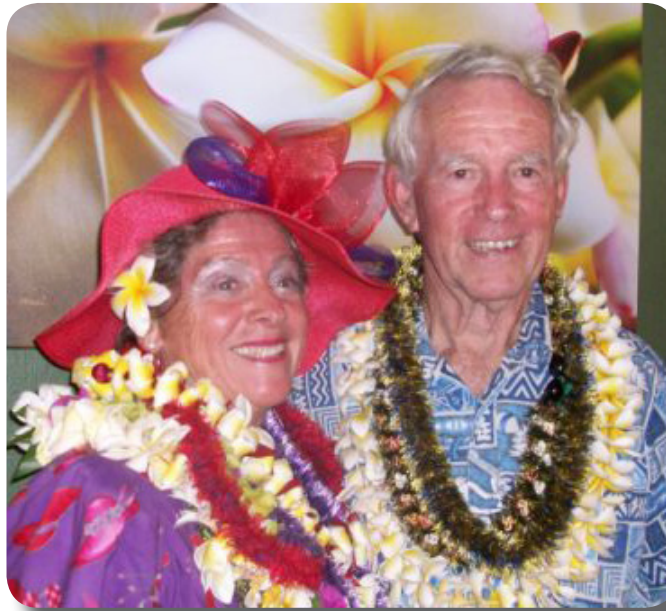
DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Over the next year, "The High Street Journal" will continue to highlight a director or deputy director of a department. While many county employees know these administrators on a professional basis, we hope that this column will provide readers with an opportunity to get to know them on a personal basis.

Nominations for outstanding kupuna volunteers sought

The County of Maui invites the public to nominate outstanding kupuna volunteers to receive the 2012 Outstanding Older American of Maui County award.

Completed applications will be accepted through April 5 by the Maui County Office on Aging. A recognition ceremony and luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Maui Tropical Plantation.



their nomination, and they will be judged on volunteer service to organizations or for their time spent as a volunteer caregiver for friends, neighbors, or family, including grandparents raising grandchildren.

Any individual or organization may file a nomination. Nomination forms are available online at www.mauicountyadrc.org; at the Maui County Office on Aging at One Main Plaza, Suite 547, in Wailuku; by calling

270-7755; or by sending an email to mcoa.adrc@mauicounty.gov.

Nomination forms must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., April 5, 2012 by fax to 270-7935; or send to at the Maui County Office on Aging at One Main Plaza, Suite 547, Wailuku, HI, 96793.

This year's nominees, their nominators, and all past outstanding older American awardees will be admitted as guests to the awards luncheon. The public is invited to attend for \$21 cash payable at the door, and \$15 for children aged 3-12. Reservations will be taken through May 1. To make a reservation to attend the luncheon, or for more information, call the Maui County Office on Aging at 270-7755.

The Outstanding Older American Awards have been an annual tradition for 44 years in Maui County. This year's theme, "Older Americans: Never Too Old to Play," was selected by the US Administration on Aging to encourage older Americans to stay engaged, active and involved in their own lives and in their communities.

One male and one female will be chosen as the 2012 Outstanding Older Americans of Maui County from the field of nominees. They will be honored at the State Capitol in Honolulu on May 18, along with Outstanding Older Americans from the counties of Hawaii, Kauai and the City and County of Honolulu.

Nominees must be 65 years of age at the time of

County on Your Corner to be held March 24

Mayor Alan Arakawa's next "County on Your Corner" will be held on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Maui Swap Meet located on the University of Hawai'i - Maui College campus.

"It is important to connect with people face to face," says Arakawa. "'County on Your Corner,' which is scheduled in a different location each month, is a good way for myself and members

of my cabinet to interact with the community on the issues that are of most interest to them." Those joining Arakawa at this upcoming "County on Your Corner" event include **Managing Director Keith Regan**, **Planning Director Will Spence** and **Budget Director Sandy Baz**.

For more information, call 280-1299.

Prosecutors honor John E. Tam aka “JET”

By JERRIE SHEPPARD, Dept. of the Prosecuting Attorney

February 1st, 2012, turned out to be quite a surprise for **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John E. Tam**, affectionately known as “JET”. The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney held a surprise party for JET for his 35th anniversary as a Maui County Deputy Prosecutor!

As JET entered the office, the entire office staff, decked in wild blue yonder BLUE t-shirts labeled “JET 35” met him at the door. JET was so surprised he was speechless, which is really saying something. JET duck-walked through the gauntlet of blue to his office, which was decorated for the occasion. A special luncheon of JET’s favorite Chinese food was attended by Department personnel and guests, including Mrs. Tam and three sitting Circuit Court Judges who were former County Prosecutors or Deputy Prosecutors that worked side by side with JET in the early years of his service. Later, ice cream sundaes, another JET favorite, concluded the celebration.

John Tam first joined the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney on February 01, 1977, when the Department was created by Amendment of the Maui County Charter. At that time, the attorneys in the Department included **Arthur Ueoka, Boyd Mossman, Joseph Cardoza**, and **JET**. The support staff included **Diannah Goo, Harriette Miyamoto**, and **Fea-B-Lei Alcomindras**.

Fea-B-Lei left to staff Lahaina District Court, and



John E. Tam and wife **Mayse Tam** with **Prosecuting Attorney JD Kim**, and Judges **Joseph E Cardoza, Richard T Bissen Jr.,** and **Rhonda I L Loo** (all former Deputies with JET and the guys were former County Prosecutors).



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John E. Tam at the moment of surprise.

Gail Tamanaha and **Linda Tengan** joined the Department. JET served under seven Mayoral Administrations: **Elmer Cravalho, Hannibal Tavares, Linda Lingle, James Kimo Apana, Alan Arakawa, Charmaine Tavares**, and currently, the second Alan Arakawa administration. JET also served under eight Prosecuting Attorneys: **Arthur Ueoka, Boyd Mossman, Joseph Cardoza, Larry Butrick, Richard Bissen Jr., Davelynn Tengan, Benjamin Acob,** and **John Kim**.

JET has served in District Court, Circuit Court, Appeals, and Felony Screening Divisions, has prosecuted sixty-five trials by jury, including several significant murder trials. JET continues to inspire the current Deputy Prosecutors and is the “go to” guy for most everything. JET also teaches Constitutional Law, Hawaii Penal Code, and Courtroom Conduct to Maui Police Department recruit classes, has taught Trial Advocacy classes to Mock Trial teams at Baldwin High School and Maui High School, currently serves as an Ar-

bitrator for the Court Annexed Arbitration Program, serves as a Coordinator for Maui County Employees Lifesavers Club for the Blood Bank of Hawaii, and can often be seen picking up trash by the roadside near the wetlands along North Kihei Road.

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney is proud and lucky to have JET for 35 years!

POLL: What was your most memorable Spring Break?

Stacia Ash, Dept. of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division: "The year 1997...I was about 27 years old and a clan (about a dozen) of us from Boulder Colorado went to Lake Powell. We rented two houseboats, had a motor boat and a couple jet skis. We floated around for a week, swam and played with our water toys, went ashore and hiked the caverns, swam in narrow waterfall pools. We really enjoyed exploring in the desert! This spring break trip was amazing, fun and full of natural beauty....I highly recommend this spot as a great spot for a relaxing vacation!"

Karleen Hultquist, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Aquatics Division: "When my boys and my niece were little, we hid plastic Easter Eggs at Grandma's house and when the eggs were found, one of them said 'Wow, the Easter Bunny left us money in the eggs.'"

Kris McPhee, Dept. of Water Supply, Engineering Division: "One of my favorite memories of all time. In 1991, Spring break Senior year at UW, I went to Mexico to visit a beautiful Senorita then surprise, I popped the big question, which at first she didn't understand my broken Spanish. Anyway we ended up getting married in American Samoa 10 months later; she learned English; and thank God we're still together with three wonderful children..."

Lynn Araki-Regan, Mayor's Office: "When I was in the 7th grade, my best friend invited me to accompany her and her family to Oregon where I saw snow and skied (at Mt. Bachelor) for the first time. I haven't come into contact with snow since then!"



Lake Powell is a reservoir on the Colorado River, straddling the border between Utah and Arizona (most of it, along with Rainbow Bridge, is in Utah). It is the second largest man-made reservoir in maximum water capacity in the United

Karin Phaneuf, Dept. of Public Works: "My most memorable Spring Break was when I stayed with my college roommate, 'Trish the Dish,' at her family home in Columbia Falls, Montana which borders Glacier Park. We sat in their spectacular living room warmed by a gigantic fireplace, sipped fresh coffee, nibbled home-made cinnamon rolls (her mom is a gourmet baker & chef!) and watched moose, deer and even a mountain lion wander around their salt lick. It snowed every day during our break. It was quiet and

magical, like living in Wonderland. During the day we hung out at the local A&W. When we returned to MSU in Bozeman, we went 'hot-potting' in Yellowstone National Park....swimming in the natural hot springs - au naturel!"

Keith Regan, Dept. of Management: "Going to Disneyland and Busch Gardens for the first time and seeing the Clydesdale horses. I think I was 10 years old at the time."

Kit Zulueta, Mayor's Office: "One of my most memorable Spring Breaks was in the island of Boracay, Philippines with my closest friends. It was four miles of powder white sand beaches, activities on, below and above the crystal clear waters, an endless choice of places to eat and superb night life from sunset to sunrise. If Vegas owned the phrase 'What happens in Vegas...' it certainly applies in Boracay too. 'What happens in Boracay,' stays in Boracay! Food, fun and pure good vibes. I've been back several times after that sweet first time."



Mt. Bachelor's 3,683 acres are located entirely within the Deschutes National Forest

MCBRC continues business workshops

The Maui County Business Resource Center has scheduled its list of free workshops for the month of March. Unless otherwise noted, the classes are from noon to 1 p.m.



For a more detailed description of the class itself please click on to www.mauicounty.gov/mcbrc, then click on the word "training" on the left and then click on to the "MCBRC calendar."

- "THE ABC'S OF A BUSINESS PLAN" by **Craig Swift** – Wednesday, March 7, 1 to 2 p.m.
- "SELF EMPLOYMENT AS YOUR NEXT CAREER" by **Ed Gazmen** - Friday, March 9
- "THE TOP 3 ROADBLOCKS TO A SUCCESSFUL PRIVATE PRACTICE" by **Julie Migneault** – Wednesday, March 14
- "BUSINESS NETWORKING AND SEX (It's Not What You Think)" by **Dr. Robert Santry** – Tuesday, March 20
- "MAKING YOUR BUSINESS LEGIT – LEGAL ADVICE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES" by **Shannon S. Imlay, Esq.** of McKeon Imlay Mehling LLLC – Wednesday, March 21
- "TALK STORY ABOUT STARTING A NON PROFIT" by **Stuart Funke-d-'Egnuff** – Thursday, March 22
- "HARRY & JEANETTE WEINBERG PONO CENTER– How Can it Help Your Small Business" by **Susie Thieman** – Tuesday, March 27

The Maui County Business Resource Center is a County of Maui project. It is provided for the general public and the business community courtesy of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development.



COUNTYWide
COUNTY Pride

"That feeling when you're able to help someone..."

If you have questions on how to get from Point A to Point B and plan to take the Maui Bus, the best person to ask is...

Diane Yogi

If the public calls the Department of Transportation for questions about the Maui Bus schedules or where to buy bus passes – 99.9% of the time they'll be talking to Diane Yogi.

Diane is the private secretary for Department of Transportation and is 1 of 5 employees in that entire department. (Yes, believe or not the DOT is the smallest department in the entire county!!!) She's been with the department since its creation in 2003.

Not only does Diane handle calls but she also does record-keeping, budgets, schedules, State DOT compliance and more.

"Diane is invaluable to our department and when she goes on vacation, everyone notices," said Director of Transportation Jo Anne Johnson-Winer. "She is an intergral part of our team and we could not have achieved the success in transportation without her."

During her free time Diane enjoys working out, going camping and spending time with her husband Terrance and her two daughters, Tori, 11 and Eryn, 9.



Director of Transportation
Jo Anne Johnson-Winer
and Diane Yogi.

*The purpose of the CWCP Program is to recognize County workers who have been nominated by their co-workers for their exemplary job performance. For more information about the program call 270-7211.

Let's Get Healthy!

Last year, Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa and Managing Director Keith Regan, serious about good health, announced the creation of the County of Maui's Health & Wellness Program, the goal of which is to improve the health and well-being of County of Maui employees' lives through health education and activities that will support positive lifestyle change thereby resulting in improved employee productivity and morale and healthcare cost savings for the County of Maui.

Sessions for County Employees:

Walking on Wednesdays- Wednesdays at noon. Join Managing Director Keith Regan in a 30-minute walk. Location varies each week. For more information, call 270-7211.

Sutji Gunter's Free Zumba Classes at Kahului Community Center Annex - For more information, call Sutji at 244-9161 ext. 28.

Healthy Eating Corner

At the wonderful suggestion of **Sarah Shim** of the Department of Housing & Human Concerns, *The High Street Journal* will feature a healthy recipe each month. If you would like to submit a healthy recipe, please email Sarah at sarah.shim@mauicounty.gov or contact her at Kaunoa Senior Center.

Tomato-Avocado Salad

Serves: 4

Avocado, pitted, peeled and cubed
3 Plum tomatoes, chopped
¼ Cup sweet onion, chopped
Tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
2 to 3 Tablespoons lemon juice

Gently stir ingredients together; cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

Let's Get Healthy!

OED employees complete cleansing class

Cheryl Sterling and **Dena Sato** of the Office of Economic Development recently completed a "Cleanse & Rejuvenate" class offered at UHMC. The class was a 21 day "Body Detox", lead by **Malik Cotten**, Doctor of Acupuncture/Oriental Medicine and Certified Herbalist.

"Even though it wasn't easy giving up all of my favorite foods like bread, cheese, chocolate, sugar, and coffee, I came away with additions to my favorite foods, like kale, quinoa, and fresh steamed

vegetables. It really is about eating healthy natural foods, but don't deprive yourself from eating a piece of chocolate cake, just not every day," said Sato.

"It was a very enlightening process, and both Cheryl and I feel so much better, physically and mentally, that we are continuing on the path, and may do a Fall Cleanse. Highly recommended to all County employees!" added Sato.

Gas Station Fire Tips

Courtesy of: security-today.com

Submitted by: **Ronald Steben, Dept. of Public Works**

Starting in the late 1990s, NFPA and other organizations have received isolated reports of flash fires, apparently caused by static electricity, while patrons were pumping gasoline.

Facts and figures: An estimated 7,400 fires and explosions occurred at public service stations per year from 1994 through 1998. That means that, on average, one in every 13 service stations experienced a fire. These 7,400 fires caused an annual average of two civilian deaths, 70 civilian injuries and \$18 million in property damage.

Of those 7,400 fires, nearly two-thirds (4,620) involved vehicles. Mechanical or electrical problems caused three out of four vehicle fires at public service stations.

Safety tips:

- Turn off your vehicle's engine when refueling.
- Keep gasoline and other fuels out of children's sight and reach. Gasoline is highly toxic in addition to being a fire hazard. NEVER allow a child to pump gas.
- Don't smoke, light matches or use lighters while refueling.
- Pay attention to what you're doing. Pumping gas is the transfer of a hazardous substance; don't engage in other activities.
- If you must use any electronic device, such as cell phones, computers or portable radios while refueling, follow manufacturer's instructions. (MOST SERVICE STATIONS HAVE WARNINGS ON THE PUMPS NOT TO USE THEM).
- Use only the refueling latch on the gasoline dis-

penser nozzle, if there is one. Do not jam the latch with an object to hold it open.

- To avoid spills, do not top off or overfill your vehicle.
- After pumping gasoline, leave the nozzle in the tank opening for a few seconds to avoid drips when you remove it.
- If a fire starts while you're refueling, don't remove the nozzle from the vehicle or try to stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately and call for help.
- Don't get in and out of your vehicle while refueling. A static electric charge can develop on your body as you slide across the seat, and when you reach for the pump, a spark can ignite gasoline vapor.
- If you must get into the vehicle during refueling, discharge any static electricity by touching metal on the outside of the vehicle, away from the filling point, before removing the nozzle from your vehicle.
- Use only approved portable containers for transporting or storing gasoline. Make sure the container is in a stable position.
- Never fill a portable container when it is in or on the vehicle. Always place the container on the ground first. Fires caused by static charges have occurred when people filled portable containers in the back of pick-up trucks, particularly those with plastic bed liners. (COUNTY OF MAUI RISK MANAGEMENT HAS VIDEO PROOF OF THIS).
- Removing the container will also prevent a dangerous spill of gasoline.
- When filling a portable container, keep the nozzle in direct contact with the container. Fill it only about 95 percent full to leave room for expansion.

Free Disaster Preparedness Training in West Maui

Hurricanes, tsunamis, and earthquakes can strike at any moment. Are you prepared to help your neighbors in case of a disaster?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. This valuable course educates people about hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to the professional first responders by providing immediate assistance to victims at a disaster site. Developing a disaster ready and resilient community starts with you!

CERT Basic Training is a six-day, 30-hour program, consisting of classroom instruction and field exercises. Sponsored by the Maui Civil Defense Agency, CERT is taught by Maui Fire Department instructors and is pro-

vided free of charge under a Homeland Security grant.

CERT classes are scheduled during the evenings and on Saturdays. The Lahaina class session will be held in March at the Princess Nahienaena Elementary School at the following times:

3/13	Tuesday	6:00-9:30 p.m.
3/15	Thursday	6:00-9:30 p.m.
3/17	Saturday	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
3/20	Tuesday	6:00-9:30 p.m.
3/22	Thursday	6:00-9:30 p.m.
3/24	Saturday	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Upcoming training is scheduled in Kihei in May, Pukalani in July and Kahului in September.

For further information and to register for a CERT course, contact Charnan Carroll (Civil Defense Staff Specialist & CERT Program Manager) at 270-7285 or via email at cert@mauicounty.gov.

Nominations sought for Mayor's Small Business Awards

The Maui Chamber of Commerce and the County of Maui's Office of Economic Development are pleased to work in partnership to hold the Annual Mayor's Small Business Awards in 2012.

These awards recognize and honor outstanding small businesses in our community, with 50 or fewer employees, who have had a Hawai'i General Excise Tax license for no less than two years and who: show business leadership in a changing economic environment, create a quality work environment for their employees, exhibit the Aloha Spirit and exemplary customer service, develop partnerships with other sectors of the community, and demonstrate other exceptional qualities or traits.

This year's event includes six award categories:

- Exceptional Small Business of the Year (10 or fewer employees)
 - Exceptional Small Business of the Year (11 to 25 employees)
 - Exceptional Small Business of the Year (26 to 50 employees)
 - Outstanding Non-Profit Business (50 or fewer employees)
 - Young Small Business Person of the Year (under age 40 as of March 29, 2012)
 - Lifetime Achievement Award (for any individual doing business in Maui County for more than 20 years)
- Completed Nomination packets which include the Nomination Form, Nomination Criteria Form, two (2)

typewritten letters of recommendation from other sources, and a 5"x7" photograph of the nominee must be received at the Maui County Business Resource Center in the Maui Mall on or before NOON on Friday, March 16, 2012. Only those entries received on or before the deadline will be considered. No self or employer nominations will be accepted. Please note the photos may be in hard copy or digital format and will become the property of the County of Maui.

Nomination forms are available at the Maui County Business Resource Center at Maui Mall; the Maui Chamber of Commerce; and American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawaii, Central Pacific Bank, and First Hawaiian Bank branches. The form is also available online at www.mauicounty.gov/mcbrc and www.mauichamber.com, as well as on the Maui County and Maui Chamber of Commerce facebook pages.

All finalists and winners will be honored at an awards dinner on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at the Waikapu Ballroom of the King Kamehameha Golf Club where photographs with **Mayor Alan Arakawa** will be taken and presented to all finalists.

Finalists also receive a certificate and the company or business person's name listed in an announcement to the media. Winners will receive a Mayor's Small Business Award Winner decal, a certificate from Mayor

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Arakawa and the Maui Chamber of Commerce, a commemorative plaque, and the company or businessperson's name listed in press releases sent to the media.

"Small businesses are the true job generators and they risk a great deal to open their doors, create jobs, grow and stimulate our economy. Maui County is fortunate to have many successful small businesses who are known for their entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, and ingenuity. I look forward to honoring them through these awards and to sharing their resilience and resourcefulness with others as shining examples of the strength of our community," said Mayor Alan Arakawa.

Chamber President **Pamela Tumpap** said, "Maui's small businesses are at the heart of our community and they have gone through a lot these past few years to still be standing. We look forward giving them well deserved credit and honoring their tremendous accomplishments and investment in our community with Mayor Arakawa and his team."

This awards program originated with the Maui Chamber of Commerce, who partnered with the Mayor Arakawa back in 2004 to recognize outstanding small businesses in Maui County.

For more information about nominations, please contact the Maui County Business Resource Center at 873-8247 or call the Maui Chamber of Commerce at 244-0081 for additional details on available sponsorships or event ticket purchases.

Join us in recognizing small businesses in Maui County by nominating a deserving small business today!

Water Dept. sponsors annual water conservation poster contest

By **JACKY TAKAKURA, Dept. of Water Supply**

The Department of Water Supply (DWS) is accepting entries from students of the County of Maui for its Third Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Entry deadline is March 9, and the contest is open to public, private and home-schooled students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Every student who creates and submits an entry will receive a Certificate of Participation. Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. A total of 18 prizes will be awarded with first, second and third prizes presented to winners in each competition level. Winners will also receive a Certificate of Achievement. Honorable Mentions will receive gift certificates, and top winners will be recognized at an event in the Mayor's office. The department's goal is to educate Maui County's students on the importance of water conservation and encourage them to take an active role in ensuring the sustainability of Maui County's water. Students should portray the theme "Malama I Ka Wai" and include a water conservation message in their artwork. "Malama I Ka Wai" means "To Take Care of the Water."

Students may draw or paint their entry on 11" x 17" white paper, and complete and attach the entry form available at www.mauiwater.org. Contestants may mail or drop off their entry and form to the Department of Water Supply, Water Resources and Planning Division at 2200 Main Street, Suite 102 in Wailuku (One Main Plaza), or to the Deputy Director's office on the 5th floor of the Kalana O Maui Building in Wailuku. To see last year's winners, go to <http://co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?NID=1789>. More information is available at <http://co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?NID=1498> or by calling the Water Resources and Planning Division at 463-3108 or 463-3104.

"Kupaianaha Blessings of Life"

By AGNES HAYASHI, Dept. of Management

We are each so fortunate to have such wonderful people in our lives, friends, co-workers, loved ones that play a significant part and are important to us. Our lives would certainly not be the same without them. *The High Street Journal* wishes to share our employees' good news, be able to get to know each other better and spread these small, but precious joys that add spark to our lives.

This section of our newsletter is your place....to share special moments – whether big or small – and give those well-deserved "ho'omaika'i" to these people in your life. It's your stories to share your own special moment or that of someone special to you, to express gratitude, praise and/or share the simple but abundant joy it has brought to your life, that which is truly the blessings of life! Please enjoy the following submissions as written and provided by your fellow employees of the County.

Jeremiah Savage, Deputy Finance Director, and his wife, **Amber Ngo-Savage**, welcomed their first child, a son, on February 11, whom they named **Ki Seong**. Proud father Jeremiah explains that there is significance to his son's name: "Ki Seong" is a Korean name given by my Korean grandparents meaning the founding star that all other stars revolve around, like the North Star." Baby Ki Seong was born at around 4 pm that day at 8 lb, 20 1/2 inches long and his head was 36 cm. Thoroughly enjoying the first few days at home with his wife and son, Jeremiah lovingly expresses "this is my first child, and the birth of my own realization that someone else's life is more important than my own. When I fall asleep with my son also asleep on my chest, feeling a tiny heart beat that will continue



beyond my own, I feel the responsibility of giving him that chance to give my love for him to others until the end of his own." Awww...that is so touching Jeremiah! You and Amber will make wonderful parents!! Congratulations Jeremiah and Amber!

Congratulations to Deputy Public Works Director **Rowena Dagdag-Andaya** and Mayor's Chief of Staff **Herman Andaya, Jr.** who are expecting their second child in early April 2012. From all indications it looks like a baby girl...perfect compliment to their family who includes their son **Herman "Trey" Andaya III**. Congratulations to the Andaya and Dagdag families!

Congratulations to **Kaitlin Inamasu**, daughter of Finance Dept.'s Accounting System Assistant Administrator **Robin Chang**! Taken from an excerpt of the Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) "D.C. Digest" January 16-20, 2012 edition, we were proud to find the following article featuring Kaitlin who was recently named a new JACL intern: Washington, D.C.- Kaitlin Inamasu joined the Japanese American Citizens League's (JACL) DC office this week as an intern. She looks forward to assisting the JACL in furthering its legislative and civil rights agendas and other administrative work. Kaitlin is currently a freshman at The George Washington University double majoring in Political Communication and Political Science with a Public Policy concentration. She serves on the Student Grievance Committee and the GWU Hawaii Club Executive Board. A native of Wailuku, Hawaii, Kaitlin previously represented the student body of HP Baldwin High School for two years as Student Council President. The office included sitting on several school and district-wide committees. She was a director for Maui District Sports Television and a producer for Hiki No, a statewide student newscast. She is also an organizer at the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission. Kaitlin is the daughter of **Wendell Inamasu** and **Christopher and Robin Chang**. Eventually, she hopes to work in Public Affairs at the Department of Defense or the State Department. Mom Robin shares of Kaitlin: "She re-



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ally enjoys it there in Washington D.C. being in the center of the political atmosphere, growing and learning in such an exciting environment!" Awesome job Kaitlyn! We're so proud of you. Keep up the good work!

Warmest congratulations to **Allen Atkinson**, Administrative Officer in the Director's Office of the Department of Environmental Management. Allen and family welcomed their new-

est family member....his granddaughter **Clea Ku'uleihaliaaloha Lau**. Clea was born at 11:49 a.m. on February 15, 2012 at 7 lbs 15 oz and 20 inches. Precious Clea is the daughter of **Kiana Atkinson** and **Kaniala Lau**. Best wishes to the Atkinson and Lau families!



Congratulations to Safety Specialist II **Ronald Steben** on his son **Raymond Steben** being recognized as PUEO of the Month for his second grade class

at Kamalii Elementary School in Kihei. His teacher is **Mrs. Robin Courson**. Raymond was awarded that for "fairness" and received a certificate, pencil, a wristband, dog tag, and a gift certificate to Stella Blues.

A county employee was recently featured in a prominent business magazine's listing of emerging leaders in the State of Hawaii. Mayor's Special Projects Coordinator **Lynn Araki-Regan** was announced in this month's issue of *Hawaii Business* magazine as part of "20 for the Next 20." Each year, *Hawaii Business* publishes the list and profiles of individuals considered by the magazine's writers and editors to be the next generation of movers and shakers in the State of Hawai'i. Individuals on the list demonstrated a strong record of achievement and a potential to contribute to the community.

Araki-Regan was the only one listed that was from the island of

Maui. "I am very proud that one of our own county employees was recognized in this very prestigious list," said **Mayor Alan Arakawa**. "Maui's representation on this list is a testament to the caliber of our employees in the County of Maui."



Congratulations to **Scott Fukuoka**, the son of Council Services Director **Ken & Carrie Fukuoka**, **Kevin Inamasu**, the son of **Wendell Inamasu** and Finance Dept.'s **Robin & Christopher Chang**, and **Jared Shimada**, the son of Dept. of Fire & Public Safety Deputy Chief **Robert & Penny Shimada** on receiving their Eagle Scout Award during a Court of Honor Ceremony held on Feb. 25th at the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

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We end this month's column with a great story that should lift everyone's spirit! **John Buck**, Mayor's Office Executive Assistant, shares this totally unexpected event that occurred to him just recently: "KHON Channel 2 has been having a contest in the morning for a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas for two people. All expenses paid from Honolulu. They still have the contest on the morning news program. Two weeks prior to the Super Bowl, they were doing a contest during the 10:00 news, with two separate chances to win. On Wednesday, January 25, 2012 I was listening to the news when they announced a chance to win a trip for two courtesy of Vacations Hawaii. You had to be the tenth caller. I thought I would take a chance. I tried several times with no success. Then....someone answered the phone! I was totally shocked! The thought of winning did not cross my mind at all!. After a moment of silence, the person on the other end asked may I help you? I told him I was calling KHON. The other person then congratulated me telling me I was the tenth caller and was I ready to go to Las Vegas. I gave him my name and where I lived. I then went into the bedroom, where my wife was asleep and asked her if she could guess who was the tenth caller for the evening. Of course in waking her up she wasn't happy at first, but once she realized that I won the trip to Las Vegas, she got out of bed to watch the news broadcast. My name was announced just as they were going off the air. The next couple of days we had to send paper work back and forth. The trip included round trip airfare Honolulu to Las Vegas in Premium Class. 5 nights hotel and provided food coupons for meals. It was great - the only thing we had to pay for was our round trip between Maui and Honolulu. Super Bowl weekend in Las Vegas is exciting, especially on Super Bowl Sunday, where there are parties through out the city. We ran into a lot of people from Maui who were there for Super Bowl weekend. I was lucky to win the trip, but that is far as our luck went once we were in Las Vegas. As they say, "What goes to Las Vegas, stays in Las Vegas, especially your money." We did have a fun and wonderful trip. Vacations Hawaii does an excellent job of servicing you once you are at the airport, to Las Vegas, escorting you to hotel, checking in to the Hotel, back to the airport in Las Vegas and service at the end of the trip. That is all folks.... John." Good for you John! We're glad you won the contest...you and Sandra deserved some R&R ...especially at such a great price!! Okay, so what's that number you called???

Workplace Wellness Fair scheduled on April 5

In recognition of Workplace Wellness Week in Maui County (April 1-7, 2012) proclaimed by **Mayor Alan Arakawa**, the County of Maui, Maui District Health Office, and Maui County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition (NPAC) will co-sponsor a Workplace Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the Kalana O Maui building located at 200 S. High Street, Wailuku.



Attendees will receive tips from health experts on how to stay healthy in the workplace – a place where many of us spend the majority of our time doing sedentary tasks. Key areas of discussion will include diet and nutrition, ergonomics, exercise incentives, health education, health screenings, and stress management.

"The Wellness Fair will offer local employers, our County and State employees and the public at large an opportunity to learn how to combat fatigue, manage stress and receive information on how to create or support a healthier workforce," said Arakawa.

Maui County NPAC Coordinator **Sandra McGuinness** reports that "Maui County NPAC is honored to again co-sponsor this event. One important element of the fair this year is an educational component and sharing of information about work-site wellness policies. We will highlight employers who have created healthy workplaces and hear from them the positive impacts gained. We hope employers and employees will join us on April 5."

More recent research has underlined the importance of staying active during the work day. Even employees who head to the gym before or after work may have an increased risk of heart disease if they don't take "micro breaks" and do some standing, walking or stretching regularly throughout the day. The food choices available in and around our workplaces – in snack shops, vending machines and nearby restaurants-also have a significant impact on the quality of our diets. As **Dr. Lor-rin Pang** points out, making it easier for employees to make healthy choices makes sense from a financial perspective. Comprehensive workplace wellness programs can save employers money by reducing sick leave and absenteeism, lowering health plan expenditures, worker's compensation claims and disability management costs, and increasing productivity.

To learn more about how your company can take the first step toward wellness, or to reserve a vendor table at the wellness fair, call Lynn at 280-1299 or email **Selene LeGare** at selene.legare@doh.hawaii.gov.